

The Calder Learning Trust

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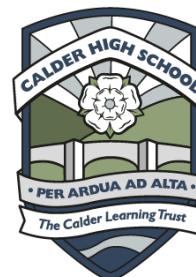
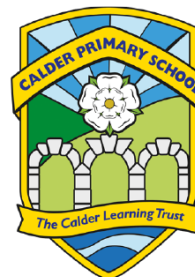
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Dear Parents/Carers, Pupils and Students,

We hope you have all had a lovely summer break with chance to rest and recharge ready for September. We are writing to share some updates and confirm arrangements for the new school year.

Start of Term Arrangements

- **Monday 4th September** – INSET day: school is closed for all pupils and students in both Calder Primary and Calder High.
- **Tuesday 5th September** – INSET day: school is closed for all pupils and students in both Calder Primary and Calder High.
- **Wednesday 6th September** – School begins for Calder Primary (Reception to Year 6) and Year 7 and Year 11 only.
- **Thursday 7th September** – School is open for all pupils and students in all year groups from Reception to Year 11.

Please [click here](#) to see our Primary school day times and [click here](#) for our Secondary school day times.

Uniform

Please [click here](#) to read our school uniform policy for both Calder Primary and Calder High.

We have good quality pre-loved uniform available for both phases:

- For Calder Primary uniform, please email primary@calderlearningtrust.com
- For Calder High uniform, please email parentenquiry@calderlearningtrust.com

Please include which uniform items and sizes you require. If we have it available, you can collect it on the INSET days before school starts. We operate a swap shop system or ask for a small donation where possible, but this is not essential.

Donations of good quality uniform are always welcomed too at our primary or secondary receptions.

Mobile Phone Policy

We would like to thank everyone who replied to our Mobile Phone Survey and those who volunteered to be part of our Parent Focus Group to read and give feedback on our draft policies, which was really helpful. Please [click here](#) read our new Mobile Phone Policy which will be in place from September 2023.

Calder Primary pupils in Years 5 and 6 may bring a phone to school if they have a specific need such as if they are walking to and from school. In this case parents should inform school in advance in writing (by letter or email). Mobile phones should be handed in to class teachers on arrival at school and will be locked away and returned at home time. Fitbit watches are permitted but not smart watches with photo, video or messaging capabilities (in this case they would be treated as mobile phones above).

Everybody, Everyday



Calder High students are permitted to bring a mobile phone to school (this term includes air pods, headphones, smartwatches and other smart devices) and we recognise that these are needed for example where students travel independently to and from school.

Mobile phones should be switched off and away in school at all times – this includes in lessons, corridors, toilets, the diner and when walking between lessons even if outside.

Mobile phones are permitted at break and lunchtime and outside only.

There are to be no photos or videos taken by students at any time on site.

All students will be issued with paper copies of their timetables and there will be no requirement to have mobile phones in lessons. Students will be supported to learn about safe and responsible mobile phone use and their mental health through our PSHE curriculum and additional awareness days and events.

Some students have different arrangements due to medical needs, for example Type 1 Diabetes, but please ensure that you have arranged this with our school nurse, Ms Hainsworth – please contact her at parentenquiry@calderlearningtrust.com

This policy will be under review, and as ever we welcome your feedback. We ask for your support in reading the policy and talking to your child about it, so that they are clear on the rules and sanctions from the start of term.

School and Packed Lunches

As part of our continued Healthy Schools work, we have been working with the Healthy Schools team at Calderdale Public Health to develop our in-school food offer in both phases, which we will be continuing to develop this year. This includes following the School Food Standards when developing our menus.

As part of this, please ensure that any packed lunches sent from home also follow the [School Food Standards](#) and do not contain foods that are high in fat, salt and sugar or foods that are reformed, reconstituted or highly processed.


More information and guidance, including ideas for healthy packed lunches can be found [here](#).

If you are in receipt of support payments including Universal Credit, Income Support and Job Seeker's Allowance, your child may be entitled to Free School Meals up to the age of 16. You can check your eligibility and apply [here](#).

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals, and we encourage them all to have these.

We hope everyone enjoys their final week of the summer holidays and we look forward to seeing you all again next week.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Lambert
Head of Calder Primary School



Mr Taylor
Head of Calder High School

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